

Approved: Bridget Donnell Newton
Attest: Kathleen R. Conway

Approval Date and Meeting Number: April 24, 2017; Meeting Number 17-17

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
January 23, 2017; Meeting No. 02-17

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2017 in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

Present: Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, City Attorney Debra Daniel and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations, Kathleen Conway

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Kathleen Conway reported that there were no changes to the agenda.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on the following topics: volunteer recognition for those who participated in the Upper Watts Branch Park Project; Lunar New Year Celebration information and the Diversity Town Hall. Rob thanked the Mayor and Council and Craig Simoneau for their support in helping him transition into his City Manager position.

5. Community Forum

Name	Topic
John Appiah-Duffell	Police Transparency
Doug Hernan	Bicycle Parking
William Meyer	Pepco
Nancy Breen	Bikeway Master Plan

6. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum and Announcements

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for their participation in Community Forum.

7. Mayor and Council Reports

The Mayor and Council provided updates on their recent activities, including Boards and Commission meetings and Community Events.

8. Proclamation Declaring February as Black History Month in Rockville

Councilmember Onley proclaimed February as Black History Month in Rockville and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Charles Williams.

Moved by Councilmember Onley, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala and approved unanimously.

9. Recognition of Major Donors and Partners of the City of Rockville's 2016 Holiday Drive

Mayor Newton presented a summary of the Rockville 2016 Holiday Drive results which resulted in more than \$70,000 of goods donated, followed by Channel 11's presentation of a short video showing Rockville's Holiday Drive activities and accomplishments. Recognition Certificates were presented to major donors and partners.

Community Service Manager Carlos Aparicio thanked everyone for participating, thanked the Mayor and Council for promoting the Holiday Drive and presented the Mayor and Council with certificates for their specific contributions.

10. Consent Agenda

- A. Award of IFB#03-16, Upper Watts Branch Park – Forest Preserve Environmental Stabilization to Environmental Quality Resources, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$1,759,561.80
- B. Letter to Montgomery County Planning Board on Draft White Flint 2 Plan
- C. Award of Invitation for Bid (IFB) #11-17 Redundant Fiber and Internet Lines in the Amount Not to Exceed \$434,100 for initial term of five (5) years with two (2) optional years

Mayor Newton asked that the letter with Consent Agenda Item B be discussed further.

Motion: to move Consent Agenda items 10A and 10C

Moved by Councilman Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr and approved unanimously.

Mayor Newton and Councilmember Palakovich Carr provided recommended amendments and edits for the Consent Agenda Item 10B letter.

Motion: to move Consent Agenda Item 10B with the amendments and edits recommended by Mayor Newton and Councilmember Palakovich Carr

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg and approved unanimously.

11. Presentation – 2015 White-tailed Deer Annual Report

Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Steve Mader provided a summary of the current statistics of the deer population in Rockville and introduced George Timco from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) who presented the MD DNR 2015 White-tailed Deer Annual Report. Presentation topics included deer fertility control strategies; deer population dynamics and reproduction; regional programs; deer vasectomies; progress and development challenges; deer population management and non-lethal strategies to reduce herd productivity.

After the presentation, Councilmembers had an opportunity for a question/answer session regarding programs in place to respond to the above-mentioned concerns.

12. Presentation – Rockville City Police Department Staffing

Acting Police Chief Bob Rappaport led the discussion with the Mayor and Council. The discussion topics included police staffing; per capita approach to police staffing; vacancies; management of unscheduled leave; recruitment of minority candidates; training; future staffing needs for FY18 budget; relationship between the military and our Police Force, e.g., number of reservists; and policing in high-rise buildings. FOP President Michelle Trotter provided information on the day-to-day effect of current staffing levels on police officers and the Community. Former Police Chief Terry Treschuk provided comments about the need for additional police staffing, indicating that the expansion of the Rockville Police Force has not kept up with the population expansion. Mayor Newton thanked Chief Rappaport and his team for the presentation and helping the Mayor and Council understand current concerns.

The Mayor and Council recessed at 9:21 p.m. and returned from break at 9:28 p.m.

13. Work session for the Bikeway Master Plan and Possible Adoption of Resolution to Extend Time for the Mayor and Council to Approve, Modify, Remand, or Disapprove the Planning Commission's November 2016 Rockville's Bikeway Master Plan for 60 days until April 14, 2017.

Senior Transportation Planner Oleg Kotov presented information to the Mayor and Council. Presentation topics included the Bikeway Master Plan overview, vision and public comments. Councilmember Pierzchala recommended an extension of sixty days for further review and to hold another Worksession. During the extension period, the Mayor and Council would summarize their comments on the Plan and share with each other and Staff.

Motion: to move to extend the time for the Mayor and Council to approve, modify, remand, or disapprove the Planning Commission's November 2016 Rockville's Bikeway Master Plan for 60 days until April 14, 2017

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg and approved unanimously.

Chief of Traffic and Transportation Emad Elshafei asked the Mayor and Council to provide comments by late February.

14. Review and Comment – Mayor and Council Action Report

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

15. Review and Comment – Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council reviewed future agendas.

16. Old/New Business

No action.

17. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 10:27

Moved by Councilmember Feinberg, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala and approved unanimously.